

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated December 1, 2005, the Examiner correctly acknowledged that of pending claims 1-96, claims 18-36 and 46-96 were withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner also indicated that claims 1-17 were allowed and that claims 37-43 and 45 were rejected. Claim 44 was objected to, but was indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In this regard, claim 44 depends directly from independent claim 37. As noted above, claim 44 has been amended so as to include all of the elements recited in claim 37 and therefore currently amended claim 44 is believed to be in condition for allowance. With regard to rejected claims 37-43 and 45, these claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Stedman et al. in view of Kopp et al. and further in view of Park et al. These claims have been canceled and it is to be noted that all claim cancellations are without prejudice as some or all of the canceled claims may be presented by a further continuation and/or divisional filing.

New independent claim 97 is believed to be allowable and support for the subject matter of claim 97 can be found generally in drawing figures 1-10 and in the specification on page 21, in lines 20-28, and on page 24, in lines 2-22. Claim 98 is made dependent to claim 97 and generally includes the elements of previously presented claim 38. Claim 99 depends from claim 97 and includes the elements of previously presented claim 40. Claim 100 depends from claim 97 and includes the elements of previously presented

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claim 46. These four (4) new claims are all believed to be in condition for allowance, based upon the recited subject matter, the support for that subject matter, and the manner in which these claims can be differentiated from the prior art.

In view of the claim cancellations, the amending changes set forth above, including the addition of new claims 97-100, do not result in any additional filing fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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